## HANCOCK POND

Bucksport Twp., Hancock Co. U.S.G.S. Orland, Maine (7½')

## Fishes

Brown trout
Brook trout
Rainbow smelt
White perch
Chain pickerel

White sucker Hornpout(bullhead) Pumpkinseed sunfish American eel

## Physical Characteristics

Area - 59 acres

Temperatures

Surface - 80 °F

Maximum depth - 25 feet

25 feet - 54 °F

Principal fishery: White perch, brown trout

Hancock Pond is a small pond located adjacent to Route 46 about 4-5 miles north of Bucksport. A poor public boat launching site(suitable for small boats/canoes only) exists at the northern end.

The pond has enough cool, oxygenated water in the summer to support trout. Wild brook trout, produced in Pinkham Brook, provide a limited fishery. Occasionally, the pond yields a few 15-17 in brook trout. Brown trout, introduced in 1996, have provided a satisfactory fishery to date, although relatively few are caught because of the low number stocked.

White perch provide the major fishery. Some perch attain the highly desirable 11-13 in size range. Smelts ascend Pinkham Brook each spring on their spawning run where they provide fishing opportunity for smelt dippers.

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